



## WELCOME

September 26, 2016

Dear Colleagues:

**Inspiration. Collaboration.**

On behalf of our organizing committee and sponsors, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 19th annual Symposium on Clinical and Pharmaceutical Solutions through Analysis (CPSA USA 2016). The week represents a continuation of plans, hopes and visions for the future as interpreted from previous annual meetings. The week also represents a wonderful opportunity to share our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their willingness to work together and support CPSA annual meetings worldwide as well as the CPSA Charitable Foundation.

The goal of the meeting and related events is to feature lively discussions, memorable interactions, and the sharing of real-world experiences. This year, the agenda focuses on “making data relevant to the patient” and the emerging role of both analytical sciences and integrative processes to help guide the development of cutting-edge technology for use in the pharmaceutical industry, the clinical laboratory, and beyond.

Our program agenda reflects our efforts to identify strategic areas of focus – in traditional ways such as our Distinguished Lecture Series, Plenary Lecture, Keynote Lectures, symposia, colloquia, workshops, and sponsored events – and also support and launch unique initiatives and partnerships such as the CPSA Four Corners Initiative and our relationships with the University of Florida, the University of Pittsburgh, and the CDC.

The CPSA Four Corners Initiative, led by Lorin Bachmann and Mark Arnold, highlights a team effort and commitment to improve personal health and overall wellbeing in a most inclusive and transparent manner. The Initiative focuses on the integration of: Technology; Methodology; Workflow/Process; Regulation; and Informatics. The approach is quintessential CPSA – highlighted in all of the sessions and events during the week – and promotes the use of innovative technologies in the clinic (or home) and sustained relationships.

A unique approach to address the specific issues and needs for the clinic and patient is represented by our strategic relationships with the University of Florida and the University of Pittsburgh, respectively. Annual CPSA meetings in Gainesville and Pittsburgh are dedicated to give uncompromised attention to the clinic, patient, and physician as well as capture unique opportunities to set new goals and partnerships – and are also reflected in our program agenda.

The emerging relationship between CPSA and the CDC has been a delight to help grow, participate in and support. Led by Emily Ehrenfeld, Don Chace, Michelle Clasquin, D. Holmes Morton, Roy Vaz and other members of the Organizing Committee and Foundation, a unique sense of commitment has developed in support of the CDC’s legacy of human health and safety. We are excited to celebrate our relationship with the Newborn Screening and Molecular Biology Branch of the CDC as led by Carla Cuthbert. And we are honored to have Carla and members of her team represented each day in this year’s program agenda!

We encourage you to actively participate, interact, and share ideas during the event. Creativity and imagination have been key ingredients to making CPSA meetings a memorable experience all over the world. In this way, a genuine passion for the analytical sciences can lead to personal growth as well as opportunities to significantly impact the field through participation and leadership.

Special thanks go to the sponsors of this unique event. All CPSA sponsors share the passion and commitment for both innovative technologies and the acceleration of product development. CPSA sponsors and participants are dedicated to the spirit of cooperation. Imagination needed!

Sincerely,

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